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In the Application of Holger K. Essiger

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For: DEVICE FOR REGENERATING, REPAIRING, AND MODELING HUMAN AND ANIMAL BONE, ESPECIALLY THE JAW AREA FOR DENTAL APPLICATIONS

Art Unit: 3764

Examiner: Nicholas D. Lucchesi

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 10/22/2002

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, Applicant provides the following comments.